Proclamation

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Steben L. Beshear Gobernor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, The month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades; and
- WHEREAS, The arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind; and
- WHEREAS, The arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of every American; and
- WHEREAS, The arts and humanities play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities, and our country; and
- WHEREAS, The arts industry also strengthens our economy by generating \$166.2 billion in total economic activity annually and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 5.7 million jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 2008 as

ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in Kentucky, and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our communities and in our nation.

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DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 9th day of September, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight and in the 217th year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR

GOVERNOR

Trey Grayson Secretary of State